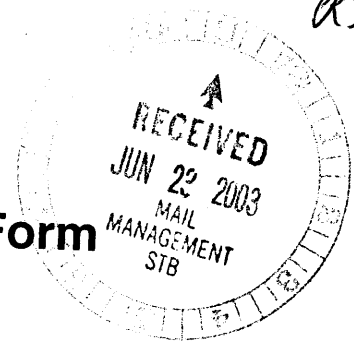




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## Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's  
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX  
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284  
Rini Ghosh  
Attorney-Adviser  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

*Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.*

Name: JOE & ERNA BALZEN

Address: 780-CR 354

City, State, Zip: HONDO, TX 78861

Telephone: 830-426-3553

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.
- ☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.
- ☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property
- ☐ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

Our concerns are: The Route through our  
Creeks Floodplains would cause severe Flooding.  
The tracks crossing our County Roads would  
create problems for Fire Dept. and Ems  
Protection. Our Air Quality and our public  
safety will be affected. THE VALUE  
OF OUR PROPERTY WILL DECREASE!  
THIS RAILROAD WILL BE 1/2 mile FROM OUR HOME WHICH  
WAS BUILT BY OUR GRAND FATHER IN 1910. WE HAVE  
RESTORED IT TO BE OUR "PEACEFUL" RETIREMENT HOME!

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

I suggest VULCAN GO WEST, WHERE IT  
IS LESS POPULATED. THERE IS PIENTY OF  
LIME STONE IN THAT AREA.

Thank you for your comments.

